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If the other Bill for Reviving the former Act, and Licensing *Hackney-Coaches* by Commissioners, take place, One part of it is directly repugnant to the other: For by the former Act, The *Lord Mayor* and *Aldermen of London* are appointed Commissioners, for putting that Act in Execution within *London*. But by the *Bill*, Seven Commissioners, appointed by their MAJESTIES, only are to License and Regulate *Coaches* in *London*: By which the *Mayor* and *Aldermen* of *London* are to be perfectly ousted from their Government in *London* in that particular, and will be disabled to prevent or redress any Annoyances that may be occasioned thereby to the *Streets*.

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